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The death rate from cholera seems to have about reached its maximum, there having been an increase of only 3 last week, making a total of 61. There was 1 death in the port, a fireman aboard a ship bound for South Africa.

MEXICO.

Report from Progreso and Merida—Yellow fever at Merida.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Harrison reports, April 16, as follows:
Week ended April 15, 1904.

Present officially estimated population, 8,000.

Number of deaths, 4.

No deaths from contagious diseases.

General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

In Merida, during the past two weeks, there have been 2 cases of yellow fever and 1 death.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 9	Alm ^a	Mobile	24	3
10	Vigilancia	New York	79	44	39
12	Magician	New Orleans	64
12	Ithaca	Colon, Panama	49

^a The steamship carrying medical officer of quarantine board of Mobile Bay is subjected to SO₂ fumigation, by that officer, after clearing from Progreso.

Smallpox in Torreon.

MEXICO, April 15, 1904.

DEAR DOCTOR: As on page 504 of the "Public Health Reports" of the 18th of March last, reference is made in very exaggerated terms to the epidemic of smallpox that has developed in Torreon (Coahuila), I consider it my duty to confirm my advices of the 30th of that month, in which I reported the appearance of the epidemic, and at the same time communicate to you the following data for yesterday, which are as follows:

Cases brought over from previous report	98
New cases	0
Total	98
Deaths	2
Remaining	96
Vaccinated	80

I will forward to you every week an official report showing the progress of the epidemic, and repeating the assurances of my most distinguished consideration. I remain,

Yours respectfully,
E. LICEAGA,
President Superior Board of Health of Mexico.

Dr. WALTER WYMAN,
President of Committee American Republics, Washington.